

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain in the application and claim 1 has been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Ejima et al. '219.

A feature of the present invention is that a holder operating mechanism is adapted to maintain electrical contact between a memory member loaded in a memory holder and a terminal section when the memory holder is moved from a housing position to an loading/unloading position.

That is, the electrical contact is kept when the memory holder is in the loading/unloading enabling position as shown in Fig. 8 of the present application. See also the first full paragraph of page 13 and page 14, line 17 to page 15, line 12 of the present application, for example.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to emphasize this feature of the present invention.

Looking at Ejima et al. '219 we see that when the memory holder is in the loading/unloading position there is no electrical contact between the memory member (2 in Figs. 6 and 7) and the terminal section (40 in Figs. 6 and 7). The electrical contact in Ejima et al. '219 is only established when the memory holder is in a closed position. See col. 3, lines 49-61 and col. 4 lines 10-13 of Ejima et al. '219, for

example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Ejima et al. '219.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 10, and 12 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Matsuo.

Claims 3, 4, 10, and 12 depend from claim 1 which rejection over Ejima et al. '219 has been addressed above and, because there are no features in Matsuo that somehow could be combined with Ejima et al. '219 and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3, 4, 10, and 12 are patentably distinct over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Matsuo.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 5 and 8 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Hikishima.

Claims 5 and 8 depend from claim 1 which rejection over Ejima et al. '219 has been addressed above and, because there are no features in Hikishima that somehow could be combined with Ejima et al. '219 and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 8 are patentably distinct over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Hikishima.

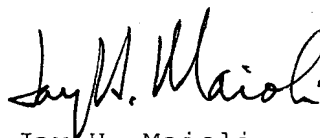
Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Hikishima and Matsuo.

Claim 9 depends from claim 1 which rejection over Ejima et al. '219 has been addressed above and, because there are no features in Hikishima and Matsuo that somehow could be combined with Ejima et al. '219 and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 is patentably distinct over Ejima et al. '219 in view of Hikishima and Matsuo.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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